



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 7002 - SB 7001

August 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (009330): Expands the Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act of 2007 to require each local education agency (LEA), public charter school, private school, and church-related school to develop a procedure for determining the cause of a fire alarm activation and potential active shooter event. Requires the procedure to be developed in consultation with local fire and law enforcement officers, to comply with fire and building codes, and to include response procedures for students, school staff, substitute teachers, and school volunteers after a determination is made regarding whether the emergency situation involves a fire, an active shooter, or other incident.

Requires each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school to annually train all school staff, including substitute teachers and other part-time and school volunteers, on the safety procedure. Requires each LEA and public charter school to incorporate the procedure in its district-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plan. Requires each procedure developed to be implemented by January 1, 2024, and to be annually reviewed and updated if necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- LEAs are currently required to adopt and maintain comprehensive district-wide school safety plans and building-level school safety plans pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-804 and § 49-6-808.
- LEAs and public charter schools will be able to develop and incorporate the proposed active-shooter response procedures in their district-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plan within existing resources and during the normal course of business.
- Requiring private schools and church-related schools to develop such procedures will not have any significant impact on state or local government.
- Local fire and law enforcement officers will be able to provide consultation to each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school on their procedures for determining the cause of a fire alarm activation and potential active shooter event without a significant increase in local expenditures.
- Any state or local fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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